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The State Alliance Exchange.

In consideration of the superlative importance of the successful establishment of the State Exchange, we feel justified in again calling the attention of Sub-Alliances to the necessity of prompt action in subscribing for the capital stock. With the largest corn crop ever produced in this country, and the prospective prices under the old system and in the old markets, the importance of diverting this crop into new channels, and effecting its sale by different agencies, can scarcely be estimated. It is simply a question for the farmer to answer, whether he will voluntarily subscribe to a general fund for which he will receive a certificate of stock that will entitle him to a permanent interest in the exchange, and to all the benefits that will certainly accrue from the successful conduct of its affairs, or whether he will continue as in the years that are past to pay a much greater involuntary tribute to the speculators and shysters of the produce exchange. There is no middle ground between these two positions. If some watch cannot be done to take the safe out of the hands of the

Losers who now control prices, learn to manipulate the markets, there is no other way from, and no assignable it is a high tribute they will continue

upon the great productive industry of this country. They do not contribute one dollar or ten dollars to enable them to find a more profitable market for their produce; they simply dictate the price that shall accept and if the world's and justifies an advance, they and

profit principally by the transaction. It is the same with live stock.

no legitimate relation between the price of beef on foot and on

in any market in this country; and will not be in the future. The farmer is in a position you go and have something to say as Arabella he shall accept for his

stock.

Much time has been consumed and much labor expended in effecting the organization of the Farmers' Alliance and much enthusiasm has been manifested in the work. If, however, members of Sub-Alliances simply continue to hold their regular meetings and maintain their county, district and state representative gatherings and expect relief from these, while neglecting the means adopted for the advancement of their interests, they will be doomed to inevitable disappointment. Organization confers no advantages, except the ability to concentrate organized force for the advancement of approved measures; and if our organization is to be inefficient in this respect, it may as well

be abandoned at once. The first essential work of every association of men, for whatever purpose, is to extend and strengthen its organization and multiply the numbers of its members. In this consists its power and and upon this depends its success. The power of numbers is of no avail however, unless its force can be controlled, directed and concentrated upon the focal object to be accomplished. The first steps toward success have been enthusiastically taken by the Farmers' Alliance. The organization has been sufficiently extended, its membership has become sufficiently numerous to justify the inauguration of active work. The necessary equipment of the State Exchange is the first practical step toward the beginning of this work. Will our members hesitate upon the threshold and delay the agencies provided for their relief? We do not believe that they will. We have visited several Sub-Alliances since our state meeting, and in all we find a disposition manifest to respond promptly to the call for a sufficient fund to insure success in the business for which the Exchange is established. In some the provisions of the constitution are not thoroughly understood, but when satisfactorily explained there is no disposition to cavil over minor differences of opinion in regard to details. We predict a liberal subscription to the stock, and if each farmer can realize a very small advance upon the products of the present year as he undoubtedly will, he will be far more than compensated for any investment he is called upon to make.

AN INQUISITION.

We publish in this issue under the above title the editorial of the Kansas City Times in relation to the investigation of the dressed beef combine by the senatorial committee. The Times in this article entirely ignores all facts and places itself squarely on record as the champion of one of the most gigantic swindles of these degenerate times. We do not have to depend upon Senator Vest's committee for a knowledge of the existence or the iniquitous schemes of this great combine. It is a fact well known to every reader of the current news of the day and to every observer of current events that there has been the decline in the price of live stock that is shown by the testimony before the committee. It is a fact that this decline in the price of beef cattle on foot has not been attended by a cor-

responding decline of block. It is a fact that stock raisers have been compelled to submit to extortionate stock yard charges and commissions, and that sales of stock can be effected in no other way than by submission to these impositions. The Times utterly ignores these facts and stigmatizes the investigations of the senatorial committee by the ignominious title of an inquisition. The Times says: "Kansas City's most important manufacturing industry is threatened. Establishments which employ several thousand hands and maintain a great stock market are wantonly assailed. Business processes built up by large investments of capital and scientific appliances are to be jeopardized by a man who has never hesitated to abuse to the utmost of his official power to attain the smallest personal end."

The Times forgets that the great agricultural states and territories upon which these important industries depend for their supplies, are larger and of far greater importance to the public than Kansas City. It seems to be forgotten also that the present prosperity and importance of these great corporations has been purchased at the expense of the common interests of the people, so that while the corporations have increased in wealth and grown in power, the wealth of the people has diminished and their industries have been paralyzed by the oppressions to which they have been subjected. The fact is overlooked that "Kansas City's most important industry" which is so seriously threatened by the facts developed in past and pending investigations, has not only been a constant menace but an actual power of perpetual evil to one of the greatest and most important industries of the entire west. "The business processes built up by large investments of capital, and the scientific appliances" that are so seriously jeopardized consist largely of processes and appliances for the systematic robbery both of the producer and the consumer and the Times will hardly undertake the task of controverting this proposition. If the patronage of the Times depended upon those who are interested in these great corporations it would not be difficult to understand its position upon this subject; but the people are not at present in a mood to overlook a justification of the business methods which are known to characterize the corporate bodies that now control the great stock markets of the west, and such justification by any journal at this time will certainly be received with decided disapprobation by the masses. The Times must know that any permanent prosperity of Kansas City or its legitimate industries must depend upon the permanent prosperity of the agricultural industries of the country tributary to that city; and if any corporation adopts such methods as tend to paralyze such agricultural industries, it matters not how great may be the temporary local prosperity it brings to Kansas City, it is a short sighted policy that shall regard it as legitimate or worthy even of local support or justification.

JOHN B. SOLD ASSOCIATION.

The above reunion will be held at Arkansas City, Sept. 10 to 13, inclusive. Preparations for a grand time have been made. The program includes addresses by Governors L. U. Humphrey, of Kansas, and A. P. Hovey, of Indiana, Senators Ingalls and Plumb, and other prominent men. The grand parade Friday, September 13, will be the finest ever made in the Southwest. It will be participated in by the companies of U. S. cavalry, infantry and artillery, the Third Regiment of U. R. Knights of Pythias, and hundreds of the veterans of 1861-5. The harvest drama, entitled "The Feast of Ceres," will be presented in a street pageant Friday night. This spectacular display represents the Goddess Ceres, Goddess of the earth and Harvest, who will enter the city in her chariot, followed by a train of divinities, typifying the periods from the sowing of the seed to the gathering of the grain, and the offering by the Goddess of her bounties in the Temple of the Gods. The "Santa Fe Route" will sell tickets to this reunion from all points in Kansas at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale September 9 to 13, inclusive, good to return until September 20.

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WILL HOLD THEIR WHEAT.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Walter N. Allen, president of the Farmers' Federation, in relation to the convention of wheat growers to be held at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23rd. This letter bears the same tenor as hundreds received.

Edmond, Kan., Sept. 1st. 1899.
Walter N. Allen,

Dear Sir:—I have 2,500 bushels of wheat in the stack and feel interested in the price of cereals. I am in a general way opposed to combines and trusts. But I am compelled to protect myself and family while engaged in farming. I will hold my wheat until after the St. Louis convention, and as much longer as possible if instructed by the Federation.

Resp. yours,
T. B. WAIT.

We are in receipt of the first number of the Valley Falls Republican, a new paper edited and published by Geo. Harmon. It is a bright clean sheet exhibiting evidence of former experience of the editor in newspaper work, and presenting altogether pleasing appearance. It is to be Republican in politics, and if conducted in a spirit consistent with its declaration of policy, will become a valuable factor in the politics of this part of the State. A Republican paper "faithful, fearless and free" should be a welcome visitant to every fireside and will undoubtedly meet with a generous support. We wish the new paper success.

A card from A. E. Dickinson, State Lecturer, from Douglass Co., informs us that he has organized two Sub-Alliances in that county this week and reports the prospect bright for making the county solid in a short time.

Do not forget the special meeting of the county Alliance at Oskaloosa on the 11th. Let every Sub-Alliance be represented.